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SAYS POLICE TERROR CONTINUES

ARREST FORMER NATIONAL SOCIALISTS -- Svobodny Zitrek, No 13, 15 Dec 49

Prague -- The police have been given the following instructions: "Arrest not only those who support or propagate fascism, but destroy everything that smells of bourgeois tendency, nationalism, and chauvinism." that all National Socialists who refused to accept the new political system are subject to arrest. The Communists tried hard to simulate a democratic system with the aid of quislings and non-Communist parties. Ministers Slechta and Neuman were urged several times to attempt to reestablish the former National Socialist party under a new name, but all such attempts

Basically, the entire party consists of two ministers, several representatives elected on a single ticket, a central secretariat, and a small number of other employees or functionaries. There is no membership. The Communists take this as a demonstration of resistance and are treating the former National Socialist Party members with special severity. Two of the oldest members of the pre-February party presidium, former National Assembly Chairman Josef David and former Representative Frana Zeminova, were arrested in mid-November 1949.

Among others arrested are: the former chief of President Benes' office, Representative Dr Jan Jina, Dr Josef Nestaval, and former Representatives Preucil and Jirasek.

The former owner of the nationalized ASO, Ander, the famous Prague confectioners Mysak and Berger, several owners of large Prague hotels and other enterprises, and many independent professional people have been arrested so that their property may be acquired.

Vaclay Ruml, winner of the 1949 academic slalem competition and one of the best Czechoslovak skiers, has been sent to a concentration camp.

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Dr Stepan Kral, a Communist employed by the State Planning Office, has been arrested because he allegedly carried on economic Titoism and thereby hurt the interests of the Soviet Union. -- A.B.

INTENSIFY BORDER CONTROL -- Neue Zuercher Zeitung, No 334, 17 Feb 50

Following the disappearance of prominent Czechoslovak officials, including Deputy Finance Minister Irsay, who fled to Vienna, the government has intensified its border control measures.

A decree issued states that any property owner in the border area will be sentenced to 2 years' imprisonment for failure to report to the police immediately any stranger seeking shelter or lodging.

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